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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: COMPLETION OF SUMMER LANGUAGE COURSE
FOR IREX GRANTEES

1. SUMMER LANGUAGE COURSE AT MOSCOW UNIVERSITY CLOSED YESTERDAY AUGUST 22 ON SAME PLEASANT, COOPERATIVE NOTE WITH WHICH IT OPENED TWO AND HALF MONTHS AGO. END OF COURSE WAS MARKED BY CEREMONY IN WHICH CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED BY ONE OF TWO DEPUTIES FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF UNIVERSITY. PRESENTATION WAS PRECEDED BY SPEECHES FROM OTHER DEPUTY OF INOTDEL AND PROFESSOR HEADING COURSE. SOVIET SPEECHES EXPRESSED THEIR SADNESS AT BIDDING FAREWELL TO GROUP WITH WHOM THEY HAD ESTABLISHED GENUINE AND WARM PERSONAL RELATIONS AND GRATIFICATION AT THE USEFUL WORK THAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN DEVELOPING THE LANGUAGE SKILLS OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND INTRODUCING THEM FURTHER TO THE SPIRIT AND CULTURE OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE.

2. CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY BANQUET AT WHICH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ENTERTAINED EACH OTHER WITH SONGS, SOME OF WHICH WERE SUNG TO TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN FOLK MELODIES WITH LYRICS ALLUDING TO VARIOUS HUMOROUS INCIDENTS DURING COURSE AND TO PECULIARITIES OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE. U.S. PARTICIPANTS ALSO PERFORMED SOME RUSSIAN DANCES AND THEN TAUGHT HOSTS AMERICAN SQUARE DANCING. SOVIET TEACHERS AND OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED BANQUET ALL REMARKED TO EMBOFFS WHO ATTENDED THAT GROUP WAS ONE OF BEST THEY HAD HAD AND HOPED THAT NEXT YEAR'S COURSE GOES AS WELL.

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3. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS SAID SOVIET ARRANGEMENTS FOR COURSE--BOTH PHYSICAL AND ACADEMIC--HAD BEEN EXCELLENT. THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH COURSE RESULTS AND HAD ONLY A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FUTURE PROGRAMS, MAINLY RELATED TO REDUCING LECTURES AS COMPARED WITH LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS AND INCREASING AMOUNT OF OPTIONAL TIME. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REPORTING IN DETAIL TO IREX.

4. DEPUTY PRORECTOR TOLD EMBOFF HE WAS ANXIOUS TO SEE MORE PROGRAMS DEVELOP TO INCREASE AMERICANS' ABILITY TO TEACH SOVIET CULTURE AND LANGUAGE. HE BELIEVES IT IS POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE TO EXPAND CONTACTS BETWEEN MGU AND AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS WHICH SERVE THE NEEDS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. HE SAID MGU-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP WOULD PROGRESS SLOWLY BUT DEFINITELY, AND INVITED EMBOFFS, AFTER SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS, TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH MGU AND TO DISCUSS CONCRETE DETAILS.

5. MAJORITY OF GROUP PLANS TO LEAVE ON FRIDAY;
REMAINDER BY SUNDAY.
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